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SUBJECT: DEATH OF HOPKINS

HOPKINS DIED AT CENTRAL HOSPITAL, VALENCIA (TELEPHONE 89-811) ON 8/18. PARENTS NOTIFIED BY FRIEND OF DECEASED, OSCAR MEZA (TELEPHONE VALENCIA 88-607), THAT CAUSE OF DEATH WAS HEART ATTACK. IN TWO TELEPHONE CALLS , TO HOSPITAL AND DOCTOR PARENTS RECEIVED CONFLICTING REPORTS AS TO CAUSE OF DEATH. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS THAT LOCAL BURIAL BE DELAYED AS LONG AS POSSIBLE BECAUSE PARENTS WISH PREPARATION/SHIPMENT REMAINS.IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE MATTER, PARENTS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO DEPOSIT DOLS 2200 WITH DEPARTMENT. EMBASSY WILL BE NOTIFIED AS SOON AS FUNDS RECEIVED HERE. PLEASE CONFIRM COSTS AND ADVISE DEPARTMENT PROBABLE CAUSE OF DEATH ASAP. PARENTS ARE MR. AND MRS. WALTER DAVID VANCE HOPKINS, JR., 505 TARA TRAIL N.W., ATLANTA GEORGIA, TELEPHONE (404) 256-2767. CONSIGNEE: H.M. PATTERSON AND SON FUNERAL HOME, 1020 SPRING STREET N.W., ATLANTA, TELEPHONE (404)876-1022. KISSINGER

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